

PROCLAMATION

The Order of the Purple Heart Decoration has a distinguished origin. This decoration was inspired by the bravery of the men who fought to make the colonies free and independent. General George Washington designed, and was the first to decorate his soldiers with a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action.

This decoration from General George Washington was the first to honor the common soldier in the pages of history. After the Revolutionary War further awards of the Purple Heart are lost from the pages of history. But the decoration was revived in 1932 by President Herbert Hoover and his Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur.

This military decoration is as it was in the days of Washington, the grateful government's signal recognition of valor and patriotism. It is a tribute which echoes in the hearts of our fellow citizens who acknowledge that such courage and sacrifice constitute a debt which never can be repaid in full.

Today on the 179th anniversary of the General Order from General George Washington creating this decoration in Newburg, New York in 1782 we pause to honor the brave men living and dead who have earned it. In appreciation of the sacrifices and under the adversity of hardship in combat made by these few so that this nation might live in freedom now;

Therefore, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of South Dakota do hereby proclaim as PURPLE HEART DAY, Monday August 7, 1961 and call upon our citizens on this day to fly the flag of our country and in all other appropriate ways to honor the brave men living and dead who were decorated with the Purple Heart.

Given at Pierre this 2 day of August, 1961.


Archie Gubrud
Governor, State of South Dakota

ATTEST:


Secretary of State

RECORD AND WAS MICROFILMED IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA COMPILED UP 1-24. IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS USED FOR MICROFILMING OF THE ABOVE RECORDS WAS IN A MANNER AND ON MICROFILM WHICH MEET THE RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS FOR PERMANENT MICROPHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTIONS. REDUCTION 25 ROLL NO. / DATE MICROFILMED / 32-34 CAMERA OPERATOR /